GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SEARCH OF RAJASTHANI BOOKS AND SCRIPTURES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work to search out the five thousand old Rajasthani books and scriptures is on the progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the financial assistance given by the Union Government to Rajasthani ResearchInstitute for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the result achieved therefrom till now?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : The Government does not undertake such activities directly but provides financial assistance to Non-Governmental Organizations for purchase of manuscripts and Rare Books.

(c) The financial assistance given by the National Archives of Indiato the Rajasthani Research Institute which is a Non-Government Organization over the preceding three years as well as in the current year is as follows : -

1998-1999	Rs. 25,000/-
1999-2000	Rs. 60,000/-
2000-2001	NIL
2001-2002	NIL

(d)
(i) In 1998-99, Rs. 25,000/- was granted for lamination of books. The Institute has furnished an utilization certificate to the effect that the amount has been utilized for the purpose.

(ii) In 1999-2000, a grant of Rs. 60,000/- was sanctioned for preservation and purchase of manuscripts. The Institute has furnished an utilization certificate for Rs. 45,000/-. Utilization certificate for Rs. 15,000/- is awaited.